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1. "The blueprints of the Polish ship construction bureaus were formerly approved by Lloyd's in London. However, since 1949 (not sure of date), when Poland broke with Lloyd's, all ship building has been subjected to Soviet control. The blueprints are now approved by the office of Morski Rejestr Statkow in Konopnicka Street, Wrzeszcz. All the employees of this office are Soviets: four or five technicians or experts, and one secretary. They do not even make an attempt to check on the drawings or to examine them properly. They give their approval on the spot while the messenger of the construction bureau waits (na poczekaniu).
2. "This Soviet office is subordinated to Moscow directly. There is also a Polski Rejestr Statkow, which is subordinated to the Centralny Zarzad Przemyslu Okretowego, but neither is of any importance and both have to get their business approved by the above Morski Rejestr Statkow.
3. "The maps of the Polish coast and of the coastal region of the Baltic (we saw no others) at present [1953] printed in Poland are not correct and do not correspond to the terrain. As members of the yachting club Budowlany at Gdansk, we were allowed the use of a map of the Vistula Bay (Zalew Wislany). The map was published by the Polski Institut Hydrologiczny i Morski in 1953. Nevertheless, it did not correspond to the real state of the river: changes which had occurred several years before printing were not noted on the map."

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